

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor(s), I/we hereby declare that:

My/Our residence(s), post office address(es) and citizenship(s) is/are as stated below next to my/our name(s).

I/we believe I/we am/are the original inventor, first and sole (if only one name is listed below) or the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

the specification of which: (check one)

☒ [X] is attached hereto.

☐ [] was filed on _____, as Serial No. _____,

and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined by 37 CFR § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications:

2001112703 (Application No.)	RU (Country)	08/05 2001 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X] [] Yes No
_____ (Application No.)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> [] [] Yes No
_____ (Application No.)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> [] [] Yes No

We hereby appoint Gary M. Nath, Reg. No. 26,965; Harold L. Novick, Reg. No. 26,011; Todd L. Juneau, Reg. No. 40,669; Lee C. Heiman, Reg. No. 41,827; Gerald L. Meyer, Reg. No. 41,194; Joshua B. Goldberg, Reg. No. 44,126; Marvin C. Berkowitz, Reg. No. 47,421; and Joseph K. Memby, Jr., Reg. No. 41,652; as my attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

(U.S. Application Serial No.)	(U.S. Filing Date)	(Status--patented, pending, abandoned)
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I/We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

(Application Number(s))

Filing Date

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: Sergei Mikhailovich IGUMNOVInventor's Signature Сергей Михайлович Игунов Date January 23, 2002Residence: Russian FederationCountry of Citizenship: Russia, MoscowPost Office Address: Russian Federation, Moscow, Zelenograd, 1445, kv. 363Full name of second inventor: Valery Pavlovich KHARITONOVInventor's Signature Валерий Павлович Харитонов Date January 23, 2002Residence: Russian FederationCountry of Citizenship: Russia, PermPost Office Address: Russian Federation, Perm, ulitsa Panfilova, 6a, kv. 49

Full name of third inventor: _____

Inventor's Signature _____ Date _____

Residence: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Post Office Address: _____

Full name of fourth inventor: _____

Inventor's Signature _____ Date _____

Residence: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Post Office Address: _____

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

☒ In re application of: Igumnov S.M. et al
Application No.: _____ Group No.: _____
Filed: _____ Examiner: _____
For: Process for Preparing Nitrogen Trifluoride

☐ *Patent No.: _____ Issue Date: _____

*NOTE: Insert name(s) of inventor(s) and title also for patent Where statement is with respect to a maintenance fee payment, also insert application number and filing date, and add Box M. Fee to address.

STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(c-f) and 1.27(b-d))

With respect to the invention described in
☐ the specification filed herewith.
☐ application no. _____, filed _____
☐ patent no. _____ issued _____

I. IDENTIFICATION AND RIGHTS AS A SMALL ENTITY

I hereby state that I am

(complete either (a), (b), (c) or (d) below)

(a) Independent Inventor

☐ a below named independent inventor, and that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office.

(b) Noninventor Supporting a Claim by Another

☐ making this statement to support a claim by

for a small entity status for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code. I hereby state that I would qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, if I had made the above identified invention.

(c) Small Business Concern

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:

☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of Concern Zakrytoe Aktsionernoe Obschestvo Nauchno-Proizvodstvennoe
Address of Concern Obiedinenie "PiM-INVEST", Russian Federation, Moscow,
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that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern, as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

(d) Non-Profit Organization

☐ an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Organization _____
Address of Organization _____

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- ☐ University or Other Institution of Higher Education
☐ Tax Exempt Under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c) (3))
- ☐ Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Under Statute of State of the United States of America
(Name of State _____)
(Citation of Statute _____)
- ☐ Would Qualify as Tax Exempt Under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c) (3)), if Located in the United States of America
- ☐ Would Qualify as Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Under Statute of State of the United States of America, if Located in the United States of America
(Name of State _____)
(Citation of Statute _____)

and that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code.

II. OWNERSHIP OF INVENTION BY DECLARANT

I hereby state that rights under contract or law remain with and/or have been conveyed to the above identified

☐ person ☒ concern ☐ organization
(item (a) or (b) above) (item (c) above) (item (d) above)

EXCEPT, that if the rights held are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held (1) by any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, (2) any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or (3) a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

- ☒ no such person, concern, or organization
☐ person, concerns or organizations listed below*

*NOTE: Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention as to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

Full Name _____
Address _____
☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Full Name _____
Address _____
☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DUTY TO NOTIFY PTO OF STATUS CHANGE

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

IV. DECLARATION

(check the following item, if desired)

NOTE: The following verification statement need not be made in accordance with the rules published on October 10, 1997, 62 Fed. Reg. 52131, effective December 1, 1997.

NOTE: "The presentation to the Office (whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating) of any paper by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, constitutes a certification under § 10.18(b) of this chapter. Violations of § 10.18(b)(2) of this chapter by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, may result in the imposition of sanctions under § 10.18(c) of this chapter. Any practitioner violating § 10.18(b) may also be subject to disciplinary action. See §§ 10.18(d) and 10.23(c)(15)." 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2).

- ☐ I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

V. SIGNATURES

(complete only (e) or (f) below)

(e)

NOTE: All inventors must sign the statement.

Name of Inventor

Signature of Inventor

Date: _____

Name of Inventor

Signature of Inventor

Date: _____

Name of Inventor

Signature of Inventor

Date: _____

(add lines for any additional inventors who must sign)

or

(f)

NOTE: The title of the person signing on behalf of a concern or nonprofit organization should be specified.

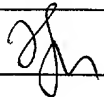
Name of Person Signing Ellia Vasilievna Igumnova

Title of Person General director

(if signing on behalf of a concern or non-profit organization)

Address of Person Signing Russian Federation, Moscow, Krivokolenny
per., 12, stroenie 1

SIGNATURE



DATE February 5, 2002